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FOR SECRETARY BERGLAND FROM WHITE

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS ON BRUCELLOSIS

FOR SECRETARY BERGLAND FROM WHITE

BEGIN SUMMARY: AT THE REQUEST OF CANADIAN OFFICIALS APHIS
HAS AGREED TO WITHHOLD PUBLISHING IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER
NEWLY DEVELOPED REGULATIONS COVERING IMPORTATION OF LIVE
ANIMALS FROM CANADA UNTIL YOU AND MINISTER WHELAN DIS-
CUSS THE PROBLEM IN MANILA. END SUMMARY.

1. DUE TO CONTINUED BRUCELLOSIS OUTBREAKS IN BORDER STATES
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WHICH HAVE BEEN TRACED TO CATTLE IMPORTED FROM CANADA,
PARTICULARLY NEW YORK, APHIS IS PROPOSING TO ISSUE NEW
REGULATIONS ON LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS FROM CANADA. CURRENT
REGULATIONS REQUIRE CANADIAN CATTLE TO HAVE A SATISFACTORY
BRUCELLOSIS STATUS BUT DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MIXING OF
CATTLE BY DEALERS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT. APPARENTLY DEALERS
ARE MIXING INFECTED CATTLE WITH DISEASE FREE CATTLE. NEW

REGULATIONS WILL PROHIBIT MIXING OF CATTLE.

2. TO RESOLVE PROBLEM WHICH HAS BROUGHT STRONG PRESSURE FROM BORDER STATE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, DR. MULHERN MET WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS IN OTTAWA JUNE 7 TO ADVISE THEM OF NEW REGULATIONS AND OBTAIN THEIR COMMENTS. BASED ON THIS MEETING REGS WERE MODIFIED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CANADIAN CONCERNS AND WERE TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED TO CANADIAN VETERINARY OFFICIALS. ALSO LETTER SENT TO MINISTER WHELAN FROM ME ON 10 JUNE INDICATING REGULATIONS WOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED UNTIL REVIEWED AND COMMENTED ON BY CANADIAN OFFICIALS. APHIS HAS BEEN ADVISED 16 JUNE THAT CANADIAN OFFICIALS WOULD HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS. CANADIAN OFFICIALS HAVE REQUESTED A COPY OF FINAL REGS BE GIVEN THEM AT THE TIME THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE.

3. RAY MCKINNEY, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, CANADIAN EMBASSY, ASKED FOR URGENT MEETING WITH USDA OFFICIALS ON JUNE 15. HARRY WILHELM, FAS, AND APHIS OFFICIALS MET WITH MCKINNEY. MCKINNEY POINTED OUT THAT CANADIANS WILL BE PLACING A BAN ON BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES ON JUNE 19 TO COMPLY WITH RESTRAINT LEVEL AGREED TO WITH U.S. AND THAT A BAN ON LIVESTOCK IMPORTS FROM CANADA WOULD COME AT A BAD TIME POLITICALLY FOR CANADIANS.

4. DR. MUSSMAN, APHIS, POINTED OUT PROPOSED REGULATIONS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT PLACE A BAN OR EMBARGO ON LIVE ANIMALS FROM CANADA BUT WOULD REQUIRE MORE STRINGENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TESTING AND HOLDING PROCEDURES FOR CANADIAN CATTLE DESTINED FOR THE UNITED STATES. APHIS BELIEVES IT WILL TAKE A SHORT TIME FOR DEALERS TO ADJUST TO NEW REGS BUT CATTLE ORIGINATING FROM QUALIFIED HERDS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO MOVE WITHOUT INTERRUPTIONS.

5. PROPOSED REGS WERE SCHEDULED TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON JUNE 19 AND WOULD HAVE TAKEN EFFECT IMMEDIATELY DUE TO EMERGENCY NATURE OF SITUATION. IT WAS AGREED THAT REGS WOULD NOT GO TO FEDERAL REGISTER UNTIL YOU AND WHELAN MET. HOWEVER, IT WAS STRONGLY NOTED THAT ACTION HAS TO BE TAKEN QUICKLY BY APHIS DUE TO EMERGENCY NATURE OF PROBLEM AND DOMESTIC PRESSURES. ACTION REQUESTED; WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP RESULTS OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH WHELAN. CHRISTOPHER

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